

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 have been amended so that they are now clearly compound claims. Applicants do not believe that these amendments narrow the scope of the claims.

Claim 2 has been amended to clearly be a composition claim. Applicants do not believe that this amendment is narrowing, but only makes explicit what was implied in the claims.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C § 112

Claims 1-3 were rejected as indefinite for “fairly to clarify either a compound or composition intended. Such claims encompass only a compound and no carriers.”

Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to delete reference to a “composition,” and are thus now clearly compound claims.

Claim 2 includes “a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient for therapeutic delivery of said compound,” and is thus clearly a composition claim.

Claim 2 was also rejected because there was “insufficient antecedent basis” in claim 1 for “a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient” in claim 2. Claim 2 is now an independent claim, and thus there is no need for an antecedent basis for “a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient” in claim 1. Thus, this rejection should no longer apply.

In light of the points made above and the amendments made to the claims, the Applicants assert that all of the claims meet the statutory requirements for patentability, and therefore respectfully request that the Examiner remove the rejections and pass the application to issue.

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